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United States Honey Production Up 2 Percent

United States honey production in 2018 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 152 million pounds, up 2 percent from 2017. There were 2.80 million colonies producing honey in 2018, up 4 percent from 2017. Yield per colony averaged 54.4 pounds, down 2 percent from the 55.5 pounds in 2017. Producer honey stocks were 29.1 million pounds on December 15, 2018, down 5 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value — States and United States: 2017 and 2018

[Producers with 5 or more colonies that also qualify as a farm. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each state.]

State	Honey producing colonies ¹		Yield per colony		Production		Stocks December 15 ²		Average price per pound ³		Value of production ⁴	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(cents)	(cents)	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)
Alabama	7	6	45	45	315	270	22	14	288	357	907	964
Florida	205	215	43	49	8,815	10,535	529	737	237	240	20,892	25,284
Georgia.....	99	98	32	34	3,168	3,332	190	200	300	279	9,504	9,296
South Carolina....	16	16	34	48	544	768	27	15	270	304	1,469	2,335
United States ⁵ ...	2,683	2,803	55.5	54.4	148,980	152,348	30,662	29,091	219.9	216.6	334,166	333,482

¹ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was harvested during the year. It is possible to harvest honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

² Stocks held by producers.

³ Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

⁴ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

⁵ Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

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Florida Honey Production and Yield: 2009-2018

Million pounds

Pounds per colony

